recently. As such, no specific information is available as yet. However, in general, it is expected that inclusion of service sector would result in higher growth of the MSME sector and consequently facilitate in higher employment generation.

Criteria for investment by foreign companies

3872. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for foreign collaboration agreement filed by Indian companies in all cases of investment by a foreign company;

(b) what is the relevance of such agreement in the case of wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign company in India, and whether such an agreement is required to be filed by wholly owned subsidiaries in any other country in today's dynamic investment world;

(c) whether such collaboration agreements is required to be filed by FIIS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) As per the extant regulations notified under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, Indian companies and FIIS are not required to file the foreign collaboration agreement with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, FIIS are required to be registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) before making any investment in India. Remittances for payment of royalty and lumpsum fee are allowed even where the technical collaboration has not been registered with the RBI, provided the payments are in conformity with the prescribed norms.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Expansion of trade with Pakistan

3873. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is contemplating pruning the sensitive list to expand trade with Pakistan as two most important items which Pakistan has an export interest are textiles and agricultural products;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations study observed that Pakistani exporters feel that India rigorously applies import restrictions in these two categories;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No Sir. However, during the

third meeting of the SAFTA Committee of Experts (COE) held on 1-2 March 2008 in New Delhi, all member countries of SAFTA have agreed in principle to prune their Sensitive Lists for which member countries have been asked to suggest the modalities.

(b) Indian Sensitive List is based on the vulnerability of domestic industry. Specific reference of ICRIER study is requested.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

India's share in world exports

3874. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's share in world's total export is still very insignificant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government during the last three years and the results achieved thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to initiate any new measures to boost the exports of various goods/products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) As per the latest WTO figures available, India's share in the world's total merchandise exports was 1 per cent in 2007. With a view to increase India's merchandise exports, the Government has taken several initiatives which include operationalisation of SEZ Act, 2005 and implementation of Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Vishesh Krishi & Gram Udyog Yojana, duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, refund of Service Tax, relief to sectors affected by rupee appreciation, promotion of high value added manufactured products etc. Substantive measures have also been taken to facilitate exports by reducing the transaction cost & time and simplification of procedure for exporters. As a result of the conscious and concerted efforts made by the Government, India has achieved a high growth rate of merchandise exports. The details of growth in exports during the last three years are given below:

Year	Total Exports (US $ Billion)	Growth Rate (%)
2005-06	103.1	23.4
2006-07	126.3	22.5
2007-08*	138.4*	22.9*

*April-February, 2007-08: Provisional figures

(c) and (d) Export promotion is a constant endeavour of the Government. Necessary measures are being taken from time to time keeping in view India's comparative advantage and the emerging situation in the domestic and international markets.